

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 23 for 2017



December 15, 2017

To Mayor Thompson and Town Council,

The goal of the Status and Information reports is to share relevant information in a timely fashion. The Status and Information Reports are distributed to the Town's elected officials, residents, and employees. Status and Information Reports are also available to businesses and visitors through the Town website. The reports are published in English and Spanish. The next Status and Information report will be published on December 29, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Legislative Meeting	January 8, 2018, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	December 18, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Community Engagement

- Thank you to everyone who attended the Seniors Holiday Luncheon and Children's Holiday Party!



- Please plan to join us for the annual Holiday Market and Festival of Lights: The events will be held this Saturday, December 16 from 12noon to 8:00 p.m. The Holiday Market will feature 20 vendors and live music from Jess & Jim, Jambassadors, Rhex Jazz, Janine Wilson, Elena Lacayo, Wild Anacostias, Miles Spicer & Friends and Moosejaw throughout the day. The Festival of Lights trolley rides will begin at the MARC Station at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m. Be sure to stop by Town Center for some holiday fun!

- Upcoming holiday closings: Town Hall and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. Happy holidays!
- Purple Line Construction Notices: Purple Line construction is underway. The next twelve (12) months of construction will focus on utility relocation work. Residents are encouraged to subscribe for updates via e-mail or text message. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, visit purplelinemd.com, find “Construction” and click on “Subscribe for Updates”. The construction hotline is 240-424-5325.

Environment

- Leaf Collection Schedule: As part of the fall leaf vacuuming service, leaves will be collected from November 2nd through January 15, 2018. DPW has collected approximately 230 cubic yards (8.86 tons). Please note the schedule below:

Curbside Leaf Collection Schedule November 2, 2017 to January 15, 2018	
Day	Work areas within
Monday	Wards 1,3,5 and 6
Tuesday	Wards 2 and 4
Wednesday	Entire Town (regular yard collection day) Bates Trucking Company will collect BAGGED LEAVES . Please do not include tree branches, wood or other debris in the bags.
Thursday	Wards 1,3,5 and 6
Friday	Wards 2 and 4

To make the leaf collection process work as efficiently as possible, residents are encouraged to:

- Rake leaves to the curb, not in the gutter.
- Pile leaves away from cars and storm drains as the leaf vacuum cannot reach around vehicles.
- Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris from leaves to be collected as they can damage the equipment and cause delays.
- Put bagged leaves out on Wednesdays with the yard waste. Do not put leaves out with regular trash and be sure to use paper bags or a clearly marked container.

Development

- CSX Crossing Update: The closure of the former ERCO plant parking lot between the Rivertech Court cul-de-sac and Lafayette Avenue will continue until the new bridge is open – estimated to be in spring 2018. The bridge builder, Shirley Contracting, continues to build the sidewalks along the roadway. Earthwork and grading operations continue adjacent to the former ERCO plant. Asphalt placement has begun on both the east and west approaches to the bridge. Final grading and landscape installation will begin in the upcoming weeks.

- **Riverdale Park Station Updates:** For more information on store openings, events and development news, check out the Riverdale Park Station website and social media pages:
Website: <http://www.riverdaleparkstation.com>
Facebook: Riverdale Park Station
Twitter: @RDPStation
Instagram: rdpstation
- **Notice received by Town:**
 - A Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (#4-17007) for Landy Property, located at the intersection of Toldeo Terrace and Belcrest Road in Hyattsville, is ready to be accepted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). For more information, please contact Chris Hatcher at 301-951-0150.
 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is ready to accept Application #CP-17002 for Hyattsville DPW Facility, located at 4633 Arundel Place. For more information, please contact Hal Metzler at 301-985-5032 or Tineya Walker at 301-952-3215.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** This feature in the Status and Information reports is provided to ensure awareness of upcoming meetings that may have information or agenda items related to development in or near the Town. Below please find links to the agendas for the Board of License Commissioners, the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please visit the links for additional information.

Board of License Commissioners: December 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Largo)
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/12192017-995>

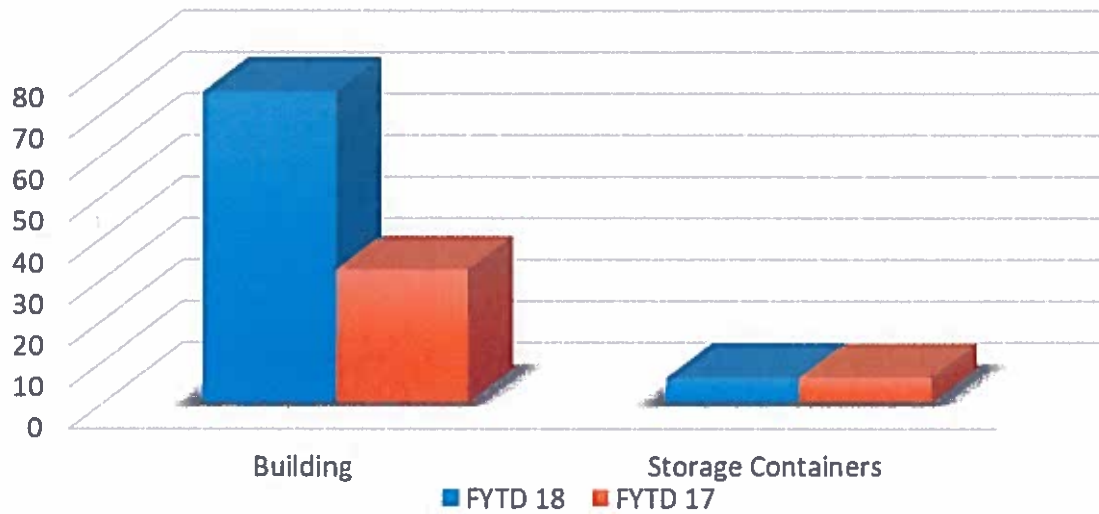
Planning Board: ~~December 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)~~ **Cancelled**

Historic Preservation Commission: December 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (Upper Marlboro)
<http://www.pg parks.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/12192017-158>

- **Permits Issued:**

Permit Number	Address	Permit For
2017-B-85	4440 Van Buren Street	West patio seating with fire table (gas)
2017-B-86	4440 Van Buren Street	East patio seating
2017-B-87	5309 Riverdale Road	Solar Panels
2017-B-88	6120 54th Avenue	Solar Panels (26 roof mounted)
2017-B-89	5023 Riverdale Road	Install 8 pnl antennas and 1 microwave antenna w/associated equipment
2017-B-90	4595 Woodberry Street	Revisions to Structural, Electrical, Mechanical Plans
2017-B-91	4595 Woodberry Street	Add and relocate 111 sprinklers in new tenant fit out

Permits Comparison Fiscal Year to Date: December 2017



- **Community Standards:**

Violations Noted:

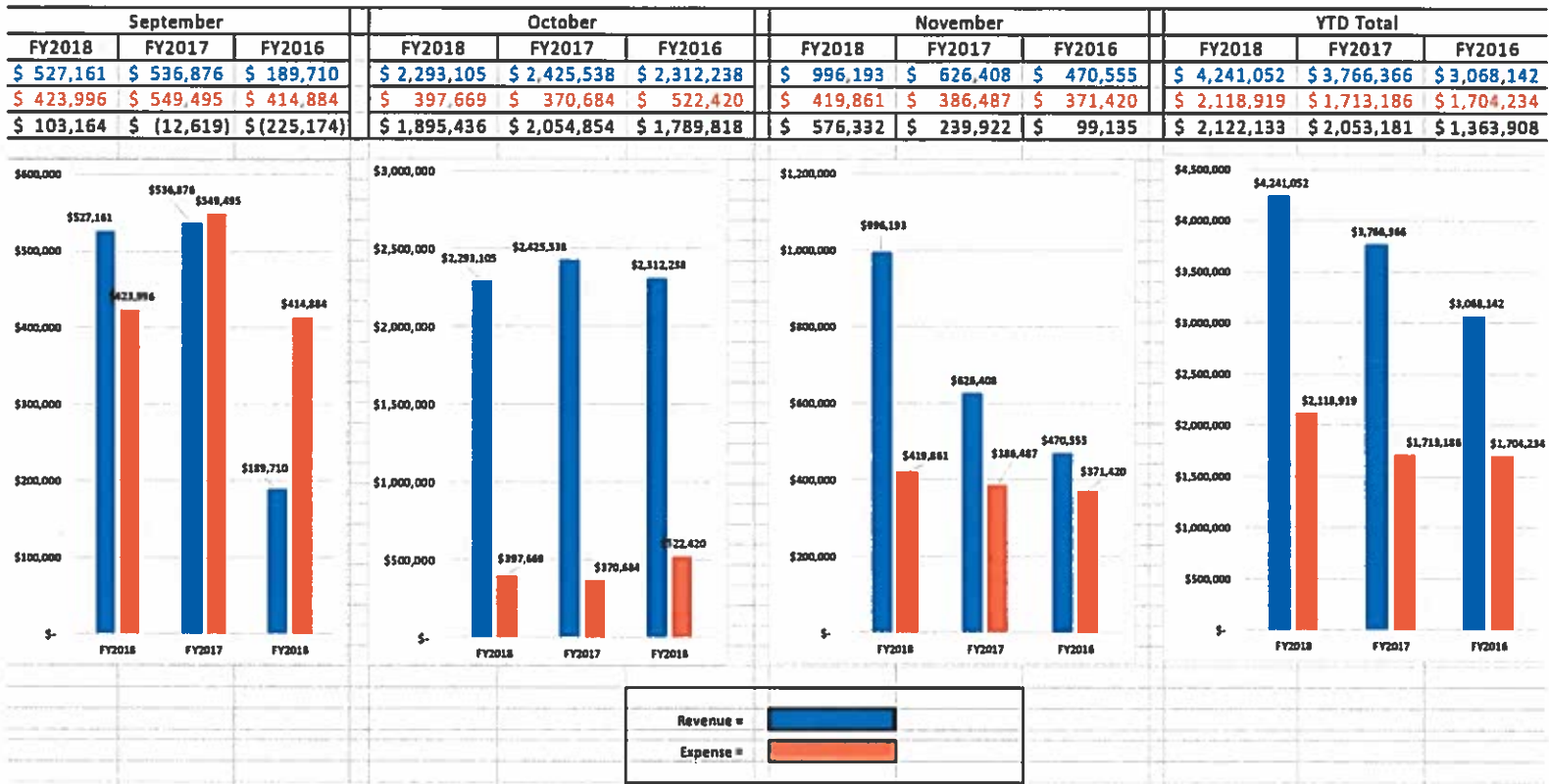
Open Storage of Garbage / Rubbish	7
Exterior Surface / Structural Conditions	1
Overgrown Weeds	1
Public Nuisance	0
Safety	1
Sanitation	2

Actions Taken:

Complaint Requests	6
Educational Materials	2
Fines	2
Investigations	1
Notices	3
Outreach Meetings	5
Warnings	4

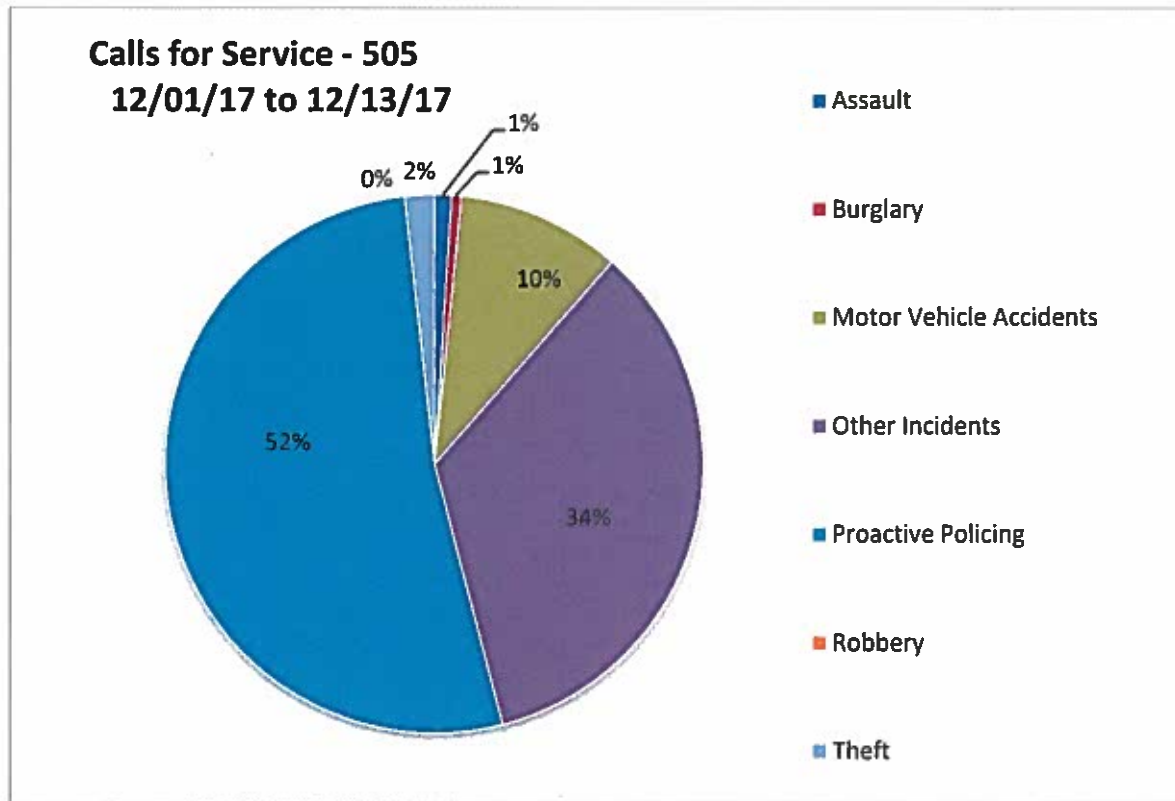
Finance

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland - Revenue & Expense Comparison



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Police



Calls for Service defined: A call for service is any activity performed by a sworn police officer in the performance of their assigned duties. Calls for service covers both proactive activities such as area checks and traffic enforcement; as well as a portion of field investigative reports, traffic accidents, and response to various incidents. Calls received for dispatch are also included in the calls for service total.

Staff are working to enhance reporting capabilities to more accurately differentiate between proactive police actions and responding to dispatched incidents. The above chart illustrates that at a minimum, 264 or 52% of calls for service were proactive actions on the part of the Town's police officers.

Proactive Policing includes: traffic safety, business and residential checks, field interviews, and quality of life issues.

Other Incidents includes: disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and citizen assists.

Highlighted reports:

Officers were flagged down in the 5400 block of Riverdale Road for a nude male under the influence of CDS. The suspect attempted to force entry into a residence by breaking a window. Officers apprehended the suspect prior to him entering the home. The suspect was placed into

custody and transported to the hospital for an emergency psychological evaluation. An arrest warrant was obtained charging the suspect with 1st. Deg. Burglary, Destruction of Property, and Possession of CDS.

Officers responded to the 5600 54th Avenue for a trespassing complaint. The suspect who is known to officers had previously been banned from the property by management. The suspect was placed under arrest and a probable cause search of his book bag revealed 603 grams of suspected Marijuana having an estimated street value of \$12,000. The suspect was charged with Felony Possession with Intent to Distribute.

Officers responded to 4700 block of Nicholson Street for a reported shooting. Officers located the victim in the residence suffering from a gunshot wound to his upper thigh. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation revealed the victim was accidentally shot in the residence by his associate. The suspect was located and interviewed by detectives. The suspect gave a statement implicating himself. The suspect was charged with Reckless Endangerment and Assault. This remains an active investigation based upon evidence seized during the execution of a search and seizure warrant.

Officers conducted a suspicious person stop in the 5300 block of Tanglewood Drive after observing individuals in the park after dark. A records check revealed the suspect had open warrants for Violation of Probation and Possession of CDS. The suspect was arrested without incident.

Officers responded to the parking lot of 5023 Riverdale Road for a theft. The victim reported that he was at the location to sell his iPhone 7. The victim had placed the phone for sale on the website "Offer Up". The suspect snatched the phone from the victim and fled. The victim wasn't injured, and the investigation is ongoing.

During the previous two weeks, the Riverdale Park police arrested 11 motorists for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Maryland's Law Enforcement has one very important message: **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.**

The RPPD offers the following Holiday Safety Tips:

- **Have a designated driver.** It's one of the simplest rules to follow, but also one of the most effective in keeping people safe on the roads.
- **Have cab numbers on hand.** If someone should not be driving and they insist on going home, call a cab for them instead of allowing them to take the risk of driving home.
- **Offer plenty of non-alcoholic drinks.** While many guests may want to enjoy the holidays with an alcoholic drink, offer non-alcoholic drinks as an option.
- **Offer food if you're offering alcohol.** Drinking on an empty stomach can cause a person to become intoxicated faster. Offering food along with drinks may help prevent guests from over-indulging on alcohol alone.

Upcoming Holiday events:

During the next week RPPD will participate in several county-wide and town-wide Holiday events, including:

Monday, December 18th Prince George's County Public Safety Assistance Program
Santa's visit to Riverdale Elementary School

Wednesday, December 20th Riverdale Park Food Basket Delivery
Riverdale Park Toys-for-Tots Delivery

Respectfully submitted,



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Town Manager